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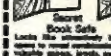

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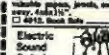

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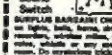

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HUH--?
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GOTTA LOOSEN UP-- ROLL WITH THE--
--IMPACTTTT!
THAKK
IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO CRUSH AN ORDINARY HUMAN--
--BUT GHOST RIDER IS NEITHER ORDINARY--
--NOR, SOME WOULD SAY, EVEN HUMAN--
--FOR THEY HAVE LOOKED INTO THE SMOULDERING EYES OF HELL--
--AND THE NIGHTMARES WILL REMAIN TILL THEIR DYING DAYS!
OBLIVION: A BONE-WEARY JOHNNY BLAZE ACCEPTS IT GRATEFULLY...
...WHILE OTHERS RUSH TOWARD IT UNKNOWINGLY, TOO MUCH IN A HURRY TO EVEN NOTICE...
HONK! HONK!
HEY--! LOOK OUT!
GIT OUT'A THE ROAD, YA BLAMED DRUNK! WHADDA WANT, RUNNED OVER?
...AND OTHERS, STILL, COULDN'T GIVE A HANG...
OH, WOW--!
...FOR THEM, EXISTENCE IS OBLIVION ENOUGH!
SHOOOOOIEE!
THAT'S SOME HECK OF A PLACE TO CRASH, FRIEND! HEY, YOU AWRIGHT?
THE GRASSHUT

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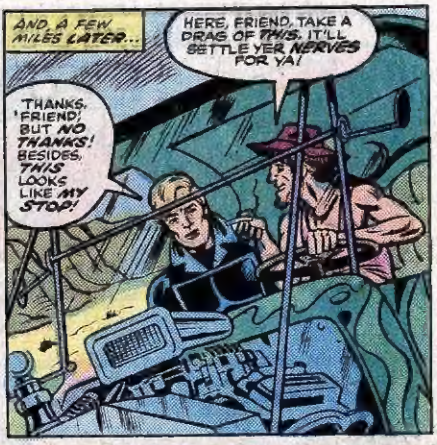
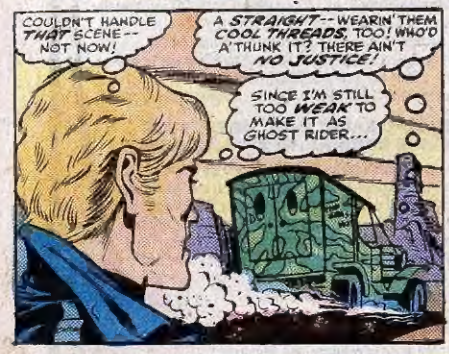
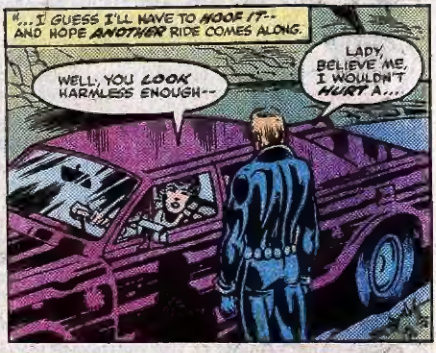

AND A FEW MILES LATER...
HERE, FRIEND, TAKE A DRAG OF THIS. IT'LL SETTLE YER NERVES FOR YA!
THANKS, 'FRIEND! BUT NO THANKS! BESIDES, THIS LOOKS LIKE MY STOP!


COULDN'T HANDLE THAT SCENE-- NOT NOW!
A STRAIGHT-- WEARIN' THEM COOL THREADS, TOO! WHO'D A'THUNK IT? THERE AIN'T NO JUSTICE!
SINCE I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO MAKE IT AS GHOST RIDER...


"... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO MOOSE IT-- AND HOPE ANOTHER RIDE COMES ALONG.
WELL, YOU LOOK HARMLESS ENOUGH--
LADY, BELIEVE ME, I WOULDN'T HURT A...

THIRTY MILES, TWELVE MINUTES, AND TWENTY THOUSAND WORDS LATER...
-- YOU ACTUALLY RIDE FOR A LIVING!? YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED! A YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A RESPECTABLE JOB!
IT'S WHAT I DO BEST. I--
NOW YOU TAKE MY SON OLIVER-- HE'S AN ACCOUNTANT--

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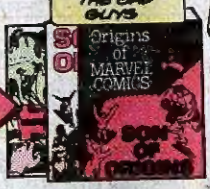

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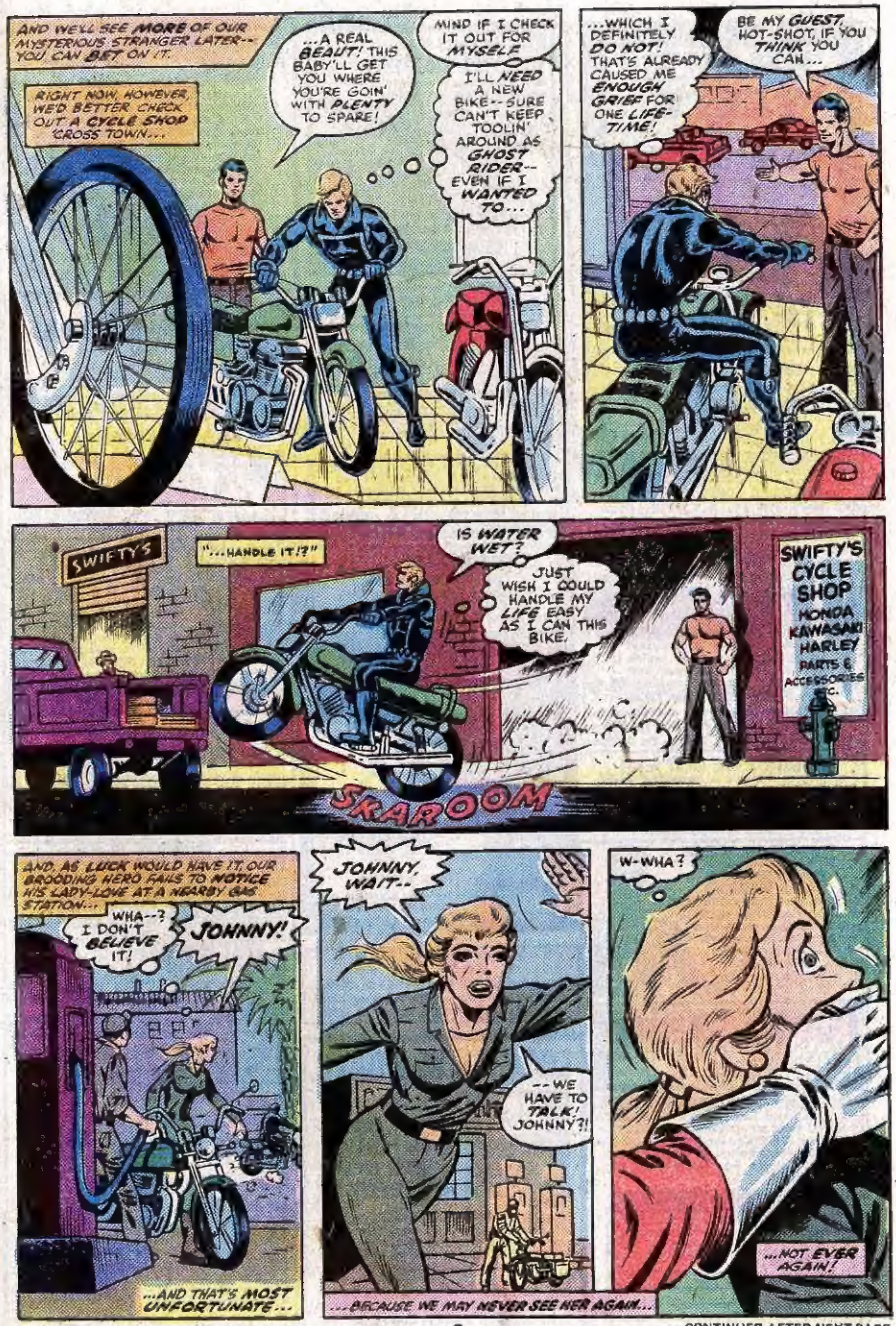
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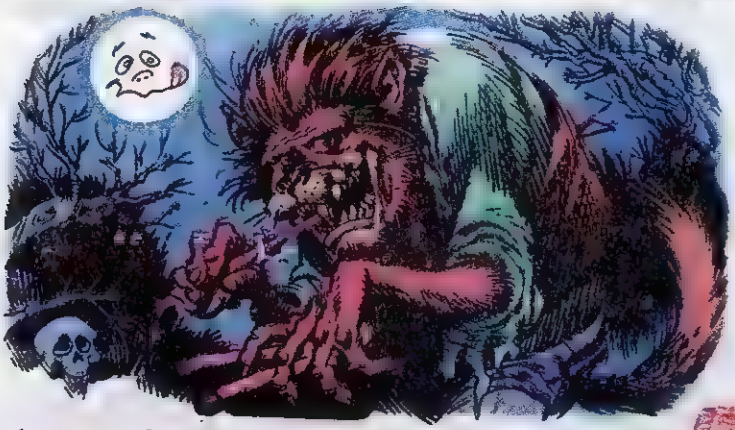

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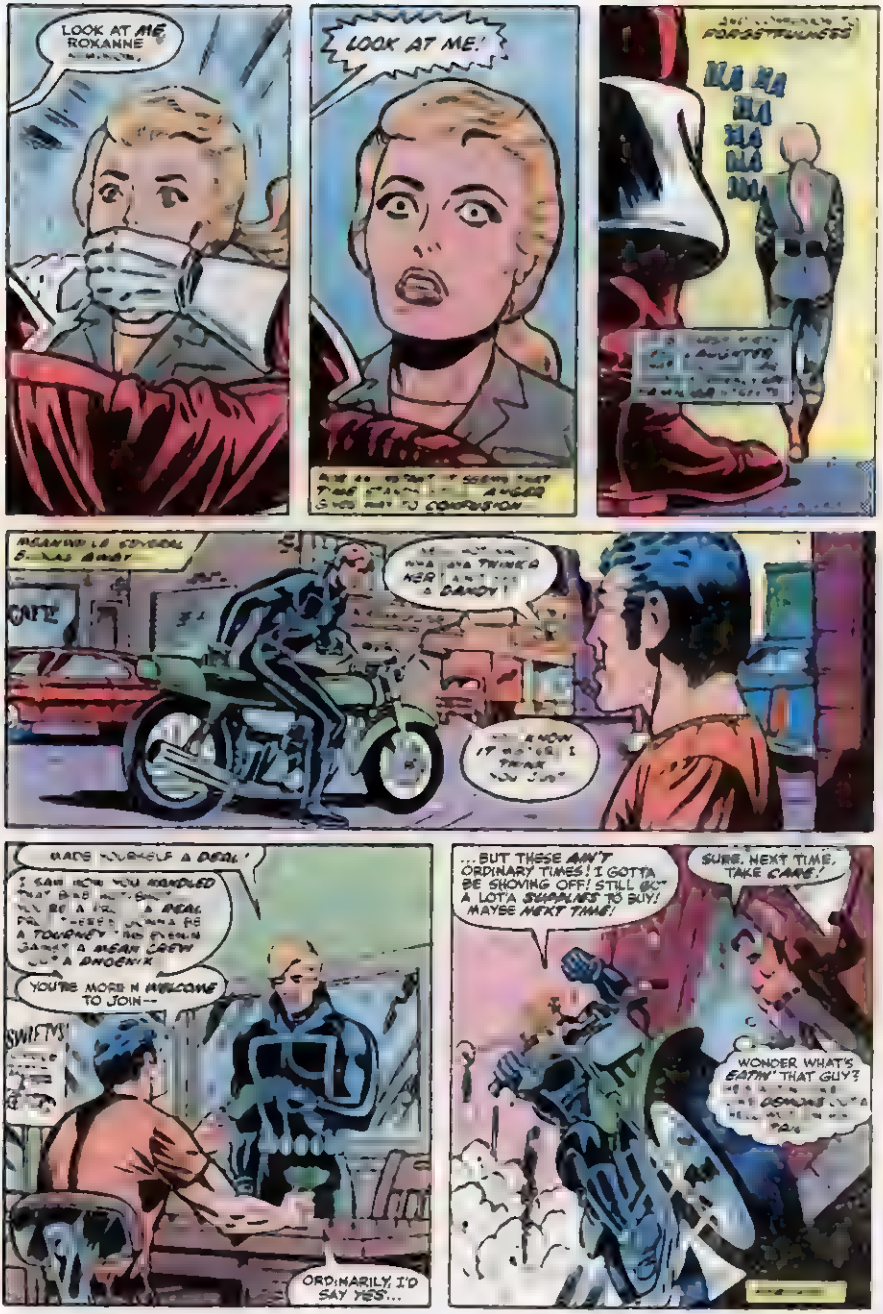
LOOK AT ME ROXANNE
LOOK AT ME!
FORGETTABLE
HA HA HA HA HA
CAFE
MADE YOURSELF A DEAL!
SWEETS
YOU'RE MORE N WELCOME TO JOIN--
ORDINARILY, I'D SAY YES...
...BUT THESE AIN'T ORDINARY TIMES! I GOTTA BE SHOWING OFF! STILL GOT A LOTTA SUPPLIES TO BUY! MAYBE NEXT TIME!
SURE. NEXT TIME, TAKE CARE!
WONDER WHAT'S EATIN' THAT GUY?

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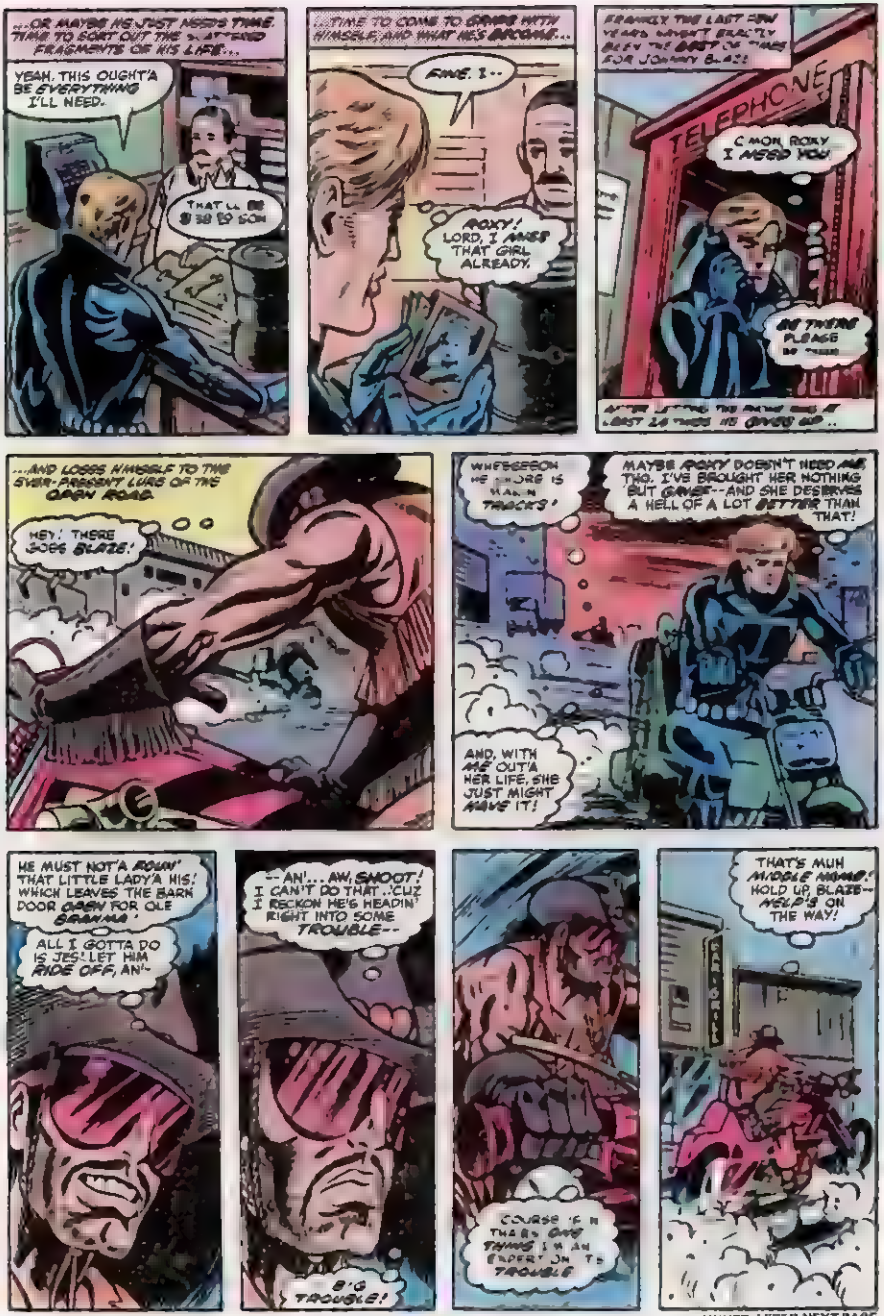
...OR MAYBE HE JUST NEEDS TIME. TIME TO SORT OUT THE SHATTERED FRAGMENTS OF HIS LIFE...
YEAH. THIS OUGHT'A BE EVERYTHING I'LL NEED.
...TIME TO COME TO GRIPS WITH HIMSELF, AND WHAT HE'S BECOME...
AHEM. I--
ROXY! LORD, I MISS THAT GIRL ALREADY.
FRANKLY THE LAST FEW YEARS HAVEN'T EXACTLY BEEN THE BEST OF TIMES FOR JOHNNY BLAZE.
TELEPHONE
C'MON, ROXY I NEED YOU!
...AND LOSES HIMSELF TO THE EVER-PRESENT LURE OF THE OPEN ROAD.
HEY! THERE GOES BLAZE!
WHEREEVER HE GOES IS WAY IN THOSE TRUCKS!
MAYBE ROXY DOESN'T NEED ME TWO. I'VE BROUGHT HER NOTHING BUT GRIEF--AND SHE DESERVES A HELL OF A LOT BETTER THAN THAT!
AND, WITH ME OUT'A HER LIFE, SHE JUST MIGHT HAVE IT!
HE MUST NOT'A KNOW' THAT LITTLE LADY'A HIS! WHICH LEAVES THE BARN DOOR OPEN FOR OLE GRANMA'
ALL I GOTTA DO IS JES' LET HIM RIDE OFF, AN'--
--AN'... AW, SHOOT! I CAN'T DO THAT..CUZ I RECKON HE'S HEADIN' RIGHT INTO SOME TROUBLE--
B'IG TROUBLE!
COURSE IS A THING I'M AN EXPERT ON TO...
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SKRRREEUNF!
"...WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?!"
...MUST KILL BLAZE!
MUST KILL
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BUT THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HERE FOR FUN AND GAMES--
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KA-CHOK!
ARRG-KK!
KILL..
...KILL...
TH-THAT HURT BAD! GOTTA CLEAR MY HEAD. CONCENTRATE ENOUGH TO GET MY SHOCK ACT TOGET-
...HERRRRRR...
KATHUMP!
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BUT WHEN JOHNNY'S PAIN FILLED EYES AT LAST OPENED
AH GOOD YOU'RE NOT DEAD YET! I WOULD HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED.
WHA--? T-THAT MUFFLED VOICE-- WHO?
SURELY, BLAZE, YOU'VE NOT FORGOTTEN--
--THE ORB!
I ASSURE YOU I'VE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU! QUITE THE OPPOSITE! I'M AFRAID NOT A DAY PASSES THAT I'M NOT REMINDED OF YOU!
I'M TOUCHED
SILENCE, BLAZE! LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT WHAT WAS DONE TO ME!
AND THEN TELL ME HOW I CAN EVER FORGET!
ORB'S STILL AS CRAZY AND DANGEROUS AS EVER! HE'S OUT TO MAKE ME PAY ME FOR HIS DISFIGUREMENT
EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS HIS OWN DOING! I DOUBT IT WOULD DO MUCH GOOD TO ARGUE THE POINT NOW
BLAZE, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'VE PLANNED...AND DREAMED...AND YES, EVEN PRAYED FOR THIS MOMENT!
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NOW, MY MINDLESS WARRIORS! FOLLOW ME! I MUST BE CERTAIN THAT BLAZE KNOWS THE SUFFERING THE TORMENT I'VE HAD TO ENDURE--
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--BEFORE I KILL HIM!
LORD! I--I'M BEING DRAGGED DOWN THE HIGHWAY! GOTTA TRY TO KEEP MY LEATHERS AGAINST THE ASPHALT..
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AND JOHNNY BLAZE IS
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GOOD THING TOO, HUH BLAZE? NOW IF'IN YOU'LL 'SCUSE ME..
KA-POW
NO!

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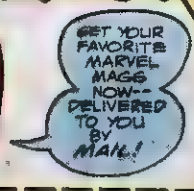

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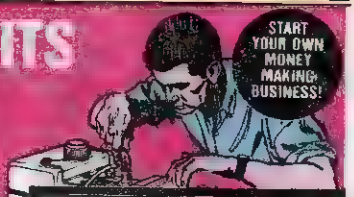

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Dear Jim and Don,

Re: GHOST RIDER #26.

Let me say that I have never been so affected by a comic book. By the last page of "A Doom Named Dr. Druid!", I was literally shaking all over. I've read GR #26 so often, that it's beginning to show signs of wear. (I've even started dreaming about Ghost Rider!)

I both loved and hated this issue. It's funny, I've felt this big shake-up in Johnny's life coming for some time—I even took a bit of warning from GR #25's letters page—but when I saw this story in print, it was still shocking.

The emergence of the colder, more demonic side of Blaze's alter ego certainly adds more dimension to the persona of the Ghost Rider. Suddenly, Johnny isn't acting anymore! The old "spook act" is real, and he's even starting to scare himself!

The price of the Druid/Ghost Rider confrontation was indeed high—doubly so, since both men must pay for it. Dr. Druid must live with the knowledge that he has ruined a man's life. From now on, he will always find himself doubting just whether the case of good-versus-evil is so clear cut. Anthony Druid's situation might even be considered worse than Johnny Blaze's. Druid caused the whole mess, and he can never fully clean up after himself. You can really feel sorry for him.

Now, about Roxy. Sure, Blaze will leave her alone, but I hope she looks for him. All she'll really have to do is watch the news; a cycle-jock with a blazing skull is bound to turn up sooner or later. I trust Roxy'll stick up for Johnny at the studio. It would be interesting to see what impressions and problems Blaze has caused by leaving.

As for Roger Cross—he strikes me as a card-carrying creep. Even if Roxy lets Johnny go, I hope she drops Roger.

You know, I hope Johnny Blaze can return to L.A. someday—but somehow I doubt it. I think you people (and we fans) want something more for him. GHOST RIDER #26 has been a turning point, and neither Johnny Blaze nor the Ghost Rider will ever be the same.

Dawn Genin
812 River Lane
Loves Park, IL 61111

Well, Dawn, what can we say. . .except that we're deeply touched. Jim thanks you, Don thanks you, even Johnny and Roxy thank you. (Roger Cross, however, is wandering along the beach, muttering to himself!)

Dear Jim,

Doctor Druid's closing speech in GHOST RIDER #26 really shook me up. I never realized how such a scene could affect me.

But I'm still not quite sure what makes Dr. Druid tick. Is he an enemy or what? The Ghost Rider has been free of the devil for quite a while. Why didn't Dr. Druid know this?

Albert Einen
4060 Grandview Blvd.
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Because, Al, nobody outside of Roxy Simpson and Daimon Hellstrom knows the full story behind the secret of the Ghost Rider! (Well, a few hundred thousand Marvelites know, but they operate in a different universe. . . right?) And when Doc Druid sensed all of this Satan-spawned power in the good Mr. Blaze, he just naturally jumped to the wrong conclusions. So, ya see, Druid is one of the good guys. And, no, we haven't seen the last of him yet.

Dear Jim,

Making Don Perlin the new—and hopefully regular—artist on GHOST RIDER was a great move. Although I enjoyed Don's work on WEREWOLF BY NIGHT, I had never considered the idea of Mr. P becoming GR's penciler; all hail to those of you who did.

I was amazed to see how the art in GR #26 resembled the work of Mike Ploog and even Steve Ditko! Don really tried to develop a lot of realism in the movements of the characters.

And Johnny Blaze's life is really jumping under the scripting of Jim Shooter; and guess what? I like it! The past several issues have shown us that that famed "spook act" is no longer any act! Jim, I'm eagerly waiting to see how you handle this totally new beginning in the Ghost Rider's life.

Over all, GHOST RIDER #26 was probably the best! Go monthly!

Ken Hart
540 Lincoln Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306

Dear Jim and Don,

I have never written to Marvel before, but after reading GHOST RIDER #26, I just had to. It was perfect! It is the second best comic in my collection, right behind SPIDER-MAN #121. Don Perlin is the perfect artist for the book. Jim Shooter's script was, once again, excellent. Needless to say, this will have a major effect on Johnny Blaze's life. Keep up the good work. . .please!

Ken Rogers
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Well, thanks for all the good words, people. Jim would like to thank you all for the out-pouring of praise he's received as GR's cyclin' scribe. And he hopes you'll all give as warm a welcome to Rough-Ridin' Roger McKenzie, Bone-dome's newest wordsmith. Rog and Don hope to see you all back here again in just sixty days. So, in the meantime, take care of yourself. . .and drive carefully!

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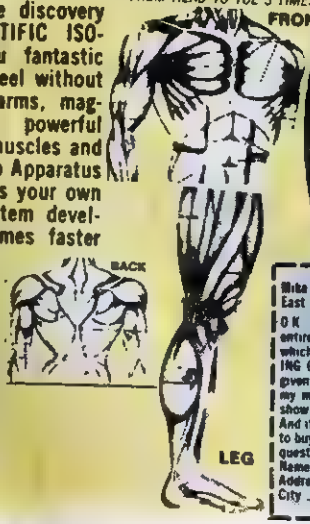

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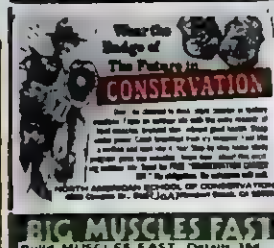

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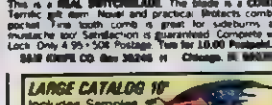

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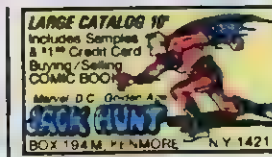

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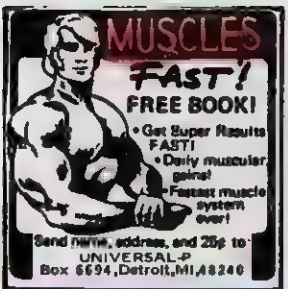

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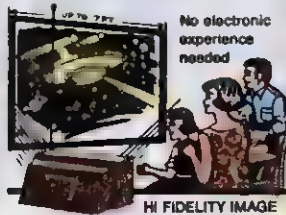

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N-NO... I'LL SEE YOU DEAD, BLAZE! I SWEAR IT BY ALL THAT'S HOLY!
DESTROY HIM!
STUPID HUMAN! WILL YOU NEVER LEARN? MINE IS THE POWER OF HELL UNLEASHED!
NOW WHILE MY MINDLESS LACKEYS DISTRACT HIM--
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AND STRIKE HE DOES, WITH ALL THE AWESOME ENERGIES AT HIS COMMAND!

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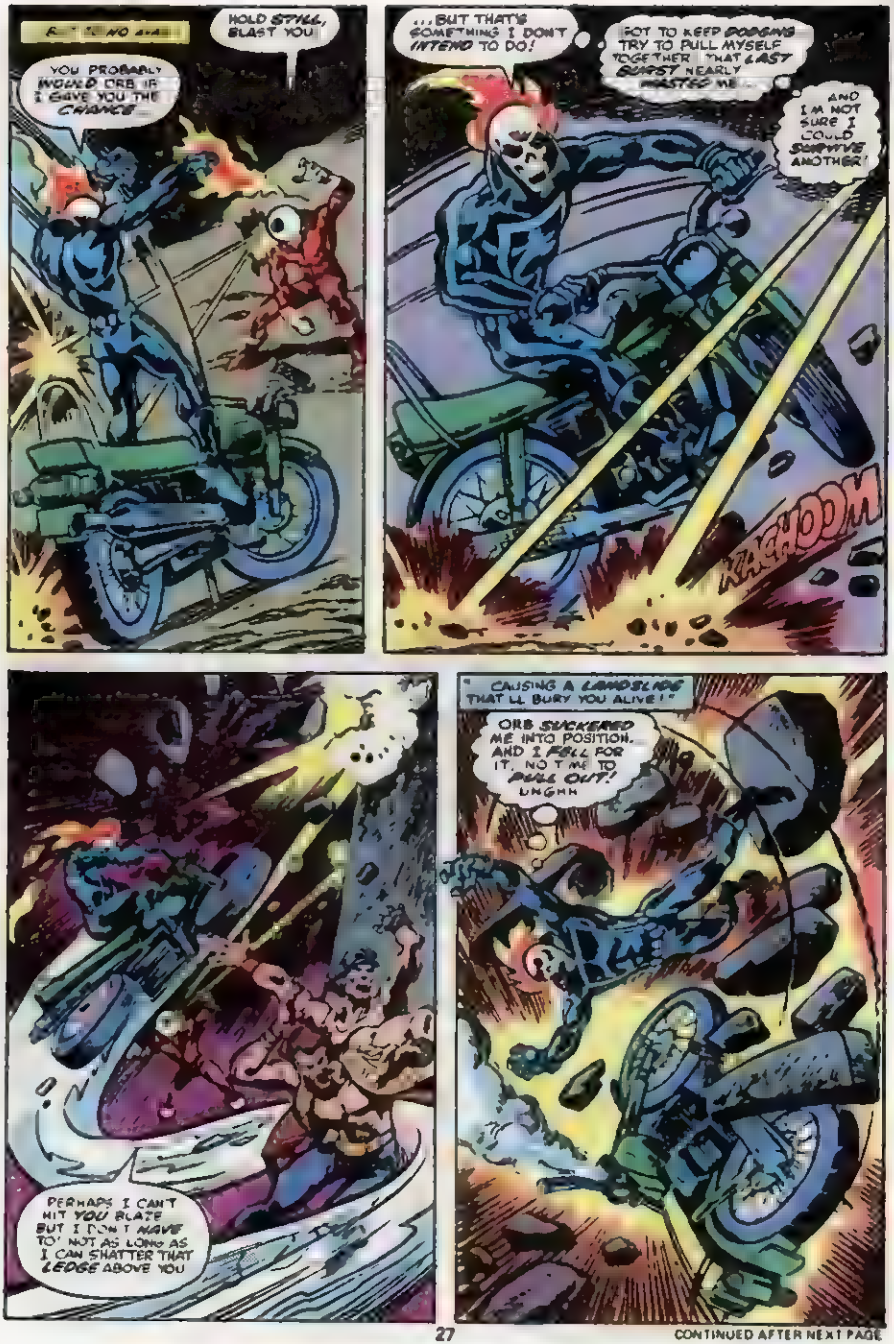
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YOU PROBABLY INCURED ORB'S IRE I GAVE YOU THE CHANCE...
...BUT THAT'S SOMETHING I DON'T INTEND TO DO!
NOT TO KEEP DOGGING TRY TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER THAT LAST BLAST NEARLY MASTER ME
AND I'M NOT SURE I COULD SURVIVE ANOTHER!
KRAKOOM
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ORB SUCKERED ME INTO POSITION, AND I FELL FOR IT. NO TIME TO BAIL OUT! UNGHH
PERHAPS I CAN'T HIT YOU BLAZE BUT I DON'T HAVE TO! NOT AS LONG AS I CAN SHATTER THAT LEDGE ABOVE YOU

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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hey, culture lovers, here's a Thanksgiving treat for you! I won't try to sell you a single thing anywhere in this column! Instead, I'll let you in on a soon-shattering secret! Ready? Here it is! Even the mighty moguls of Marvel can make a mistake! And the one we made a few issues back is a real cymbal-clanger! If you're the one holdout in all of comicdom who didn't notice it, this is for you. Last August, right here in the cosmos-spanning Soapbox, I asked you to try to guess what PIZZAZZ was. I figured we'd make a little game out of it and I'd clue you in next ish. But who knew— WHO KNEW— my over-eager little staff would be putting a big, full-page, full-color AD for PIZZAZZ right on the inside front cover of all those very same mags?!!! There I was tryin' to tease you, slyly asking you to guess about something that was fully and completely described on a previous page in the same magazine! Talk about having egg all over your face! This time I got the whole chicken! Oh well, weddaya expect from a guy who could never remember whether his own character was called Bruce Banner or Bob Banner! Hey, speaking of that, here's another nutty thing that could only happen in the wacky world of Marvel. As you know, Universal Studios just completed a live-action, 2-hour special to movie all everybody's favorite jolly green giant. (In fact, THE INCREDIBLE HULK may be prime-timing it on the tube by the time you read these imperishable words)! Anyway what do you gotta they called ol' Doc Banner? Bruce? Uh-uh! Bob? Forget it! They decided to name him Dave! What there is about our recalcitrant little rampager that makes it so tough for people to get his name right I'll never know! But, there you have it, more living proof that— despite what you've always thought— even the minions of Marvel are sometimes less than perfect! But keep it to yourselves, huh? We'd hate the competish to find out that we're merely flesh and blood! Look, in case I'm sounding too humble, don't worry. One of these days, if we ever do something right, I'll tell you about that, too!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Hey, we've been promising and promising to give you the scoop on JACK "King" KIRBY's two new titles just as soon as the time was right. Well, we have first issues on both of them sitting with us right now, so the need for secrecy is certainly past. First off— and we'll bet most of you were already expecting this—there's MACHINE MAN. If the title's not quite familiar to you, it's because we felt a brand new feature ought to be launched with a brand new name, but Machine Man is most certainly *Mister Machine*, whose adventures in the now-defunct 2001 book drew more comment and acclaim than any other stories in that searing science-fiction series. With cyborg super-heroes still rampaging on TV and star-warring robots stealing scenes at motion picture theaters, Jack's mechanized man with the all-too-human feelings ought to be one of his biggest successes yet! For his second title, Jack proves that there's no time or topic he can't bring the distinctive Kirby touch to by taking you into the primitive conflicts of earth's prehistoric past for the adventures of DEVIL DINOSAUR. We're betting that if you dig our GODZILLA book (and from cards, letters, and sales reports we've got to conclude that more than a few of you do), this one just has to be your mixture of monstrous mayhem! Both of those bombshells should be bursting your way in about a month's time, so watch these pages for further announcements!

ITEM! You know, one of the things we're most often asked in the jillions of letters you people are good enough to send us is usually something like "Hey! If Thor is trapped by the Cosmic Hardrazzer's Rinse-and-Set machine in his own book, how is he able to fight side-by-side with the Vision, Iron Man, and the Scarlet Witch against the Giant Woo-Tans of Fu Manchu in the latest AVENGERS?" Vexing as this type of dilemma is to all continuity buffs—and most of the Bullpen counts itself in the forefront of those ranks—there's a reasonably simple explanation, one put forward by STAN THE MAN himself in this very column several years back, which bears repeating every now and then for those of you who dropped in late to the Marvel Universe. Obviously, all of the adventures taking place in all of our various titles are not happening at the same time. What the mighty Thor is doing in his own book—to stick with our example—may be happening before or after what's going on in the AVENGERS. Also, *Marvel* time is not the same as real time. Showing four *hours* of the Thunder God's admittedly hectic life may take four issues and four *months* of regular time, so that adds to the continuity confusion and creates situations like, having Peter Parker running himself in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN while having a snowball fight in the same month's TEAM-UP or SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN. What we try to do is to occasionally leave time gaps between the end of one adventure and the start of another, so that an imaginative and industrious Marvelite can figure: "Ah! The Hulk was in Hoboken, New Jersey when he polished off Orloff the Orthodontist last issue, but this month's mag opens with him kicking sand in a bully's face on Piano Beach! Getting there probably took him several days. That could explain why he had time to help Nighthawk and Hellcat in the beer-eating contest several issues ago in the DEFENDERS!" We think it's one of really fun fringe benefits of being a Marvel fan, and judging from some of the well-worked-out theses that a lot of you keep sending our way, you're in agreement. Try it sometime. . . We may not always agree on the exact course of Marvel history, but trying to *plot* may be the greatest parlor game since Twenty Questions.

ITEM! We know most of you are probably starting to think about Thanksgiving turkey, but as this is being written there's still a smidgen of Summer left, so we'll bow to the browbeating of the Bullpen Softball Team and inform you that despite a slow start, the titanic ten are finishing the season strong with victories over Doubleday Books and rival comics group, Warren Publishing. No small part of these victories have come from such stellar performers as Vivacious VILMA FALCON, who in addition to working in our Subscription Department manages to pitch, hit, and field like a pro, and to Devastating DAVIDA LICHTER-DALE and Ramblin' RICK PARKER of art production, who usually carry the beer.

ITEM! Let's close out with a swift parade of plugola and call your attention to such goodies now available as our $1.00, 80-page, Giant MAN FROM ATLANTIS comic. This is a special to kick off the series we'll be doing about TV's undersea superstar and offers two bonus-length comics stories plus articles, pin-ups and photos of Mark Harris and Company. When we say this is a big one, we're really being literal! Also, the second in our full-color paperback collectors' editions is out. First was SPIDER-MAN. This time around it's the FANTASTIC FOUR. Another paperback in the Marvel manner is our illustrated version of STAR WARS. If you missed the Treasury Edition or regular monthly mags, here's your chance to make it up; if you've become a Star Wars completist, here's one more item you can't live without. And last, for younger readers and TV cartoon aficionados, this month sees the appearance of the all-new, all original FLINTSTONE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY featuring your favorite Hanna-Barbera characters in a gift-size Treasury book! Look for 'em all. . . and for us in this same spot next time.

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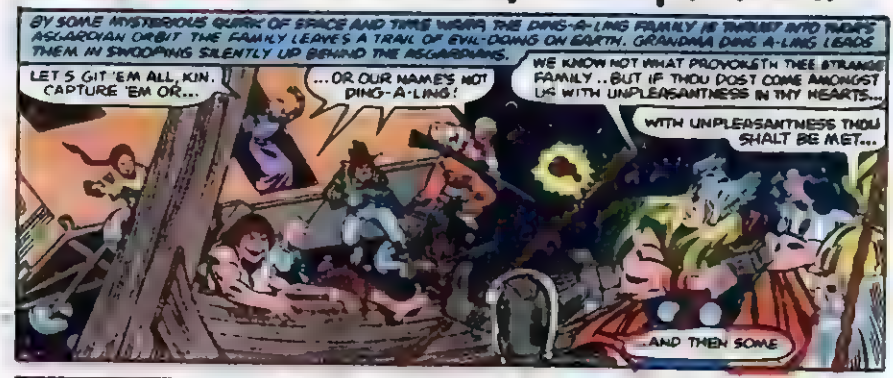
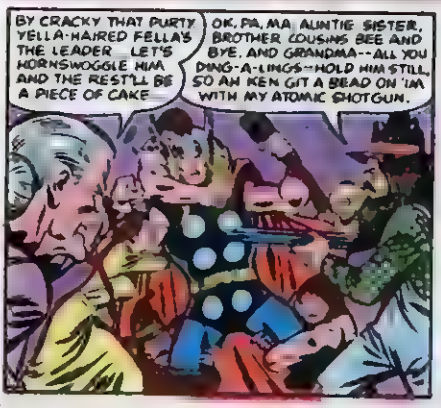
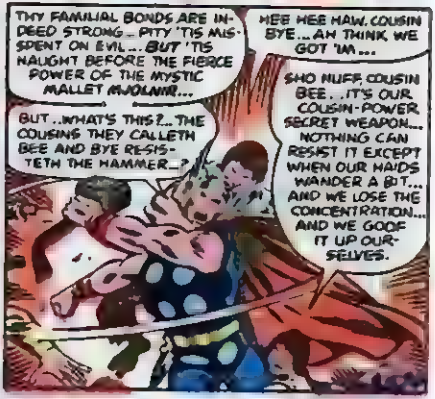

BY SOME MYSTERIOUS QUIRK OF SPACE AND TIME WARP, THE DING-A-LING FAMILY IS THRUST INTO THOR'S ASGARDIAN ORBIT THE FAMILY LEAVES A TRAIL OF EVIL-DOING ON EARTH. GRANDMA DING-A-LING LEADS THEM IN SWOOPING SILENTLY UP BEHIND THE ASGARDIANS.
LET'S GIT 'EM ALL, KIN. CAPTURE 'EM OR...
...OR OUR NAME'S NOT DING-A-LING!
WE KNOW NOT WHAT PROVOKETH THEE STRANGE FAMILY... BUT IF THOU DOST COME AMONGST US WITH UNPLEASANTNESS IN THY HEARTS...
WITH UNPLEASANTNESS THOU SHALT BE MET...
...AND THEN SOME


BY CRACKY THAT PURTY YELLA-HAIRED FELLA'S THE LEADER... LET'S HORNSWOGGLE HIM AND THE REST'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE
OK, PA, MA, AUNTIE SISTER, BROTHER COUSINS BEE AND BYE, AND GRANDMA--ALL YOU DING-A-LINGS--HOLD HIM STILL, SO AH KEN GIT A BEAD ON 'IM WITH MY ATOMIC SHOTGUN.


THY FAMILIAL BONDS ARE INDEED STRONG... PITY 'TIS MISSPENT ON EVIL... BUT 'TIS NAUGHT BEFORE THE FIERCE POWER OF THE MYSTIC MALLET MJOLNIR...
BUT...WHAT'S THIS?... THE COUSINS THEY CALLETH BEE AND BYE RESISTETH THE HAMMER...?
HEE HEE HAW, COUSIN BYE... AH THINK WE GOT 'UM...
SHO NUFF, COUSIN BEE... IT'S OUR COUSIN-POWER, SECRET WEAPON... NOTHING CAN RESIST IT EXCEPT WHEN OUR MAIDS WANDER A BIT... AND WE LOSE THE CONCENTRATION... AND WE GOOF IT UP OURSELVES.

...AYE THEN, 'TIS BUT CHILD'S PLAY TO USE THIS PLOY AND DISTRACT THE COUSINS BEE AND BYE... AND BYE AND BYE 'TWILL BE THEIR UNDOING...
...ER...UH...AH... MMM...HMM... LOOKA THEY... COUSIN BYE
...ER...COUSIN BEE WHAT WERE WE SAYING...? OH, LOOKA THAT... DELICIOUS HOSTESS® FRUIT PIES... APPLE... AND...

CHERRY... GREAT, ISN'T TENDER CRUST... REAL FRUIT FILLING, COUSIN BYE... I CAN'T RECOLLECT WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT BUT IT COULDN'T BE HALF AS INTERESTIN' AS THESE MOUTHWATERIN' HOSTESS FRUIT PIES...
YOU FOOLS! WE ALMOST HAD THE YELLA-HAIRED ONE IN OUR POWER! DUMB COUSINS!
FORSOOTH, M'LADY... NOT SO DUMB... THEY KNOWETH OF YON DELICIOUS SNACK...
NOW HOME TO ODIN BE SURE TO SAVE SOME HOSTESS FRUIT PIES FOR THAT GREAT ONE TO ENJOY, TOO!

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AND WHEN THE DUST CLEARS
GET UP, BLAZE, GET UP!
I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET! YOU CAN'T BE DEAD! I WON'T ALLOW IT
YOU CHEATED ME, BLAZE! MY VICTORY WAS TOO EASY! I WANTED YOU TO SUFFER AS I--
WAIT! SOMETHING'S MOVING.. IN THE RUBBLE.. IT...
THE ORB WAS GOING TO SAY "CAN'T BE GHOST RIDER CAN IT? HE DOESN'T GET THE CHANCE.
AND THE HELL FIRE BURNS HIM AWFULLY... COLDLY THE SELF SAME HELL FIRE THAT HAD AT THE LAST MOMENT MUTED AS IT BUFFERED AGAINST THE BOMB BECOMING AVALANCHE
HAS IT'S LIMITS..
YET EVEN HELL-FIRE..
WHOWEEE! ANYBODY GIT THE NUMBER A THET TRUCK? OR WUZ IT A BATTLESHIP I AIN'T SURE WHICH.
HEY, BLAZE! THEM SKUNKS RE GITT'N AWAY! C'MON, WE CAN STILL--
F-FLAME SO COLD HELP ME TO BIKE MUST ESCAPE!
AW, WHOM I TRYIN TO KID? YOU'RE IN AS BAD A SHAPE AS ME
WORSE DRAMA BELIEVE ME AT LEAST IT'S OVER!
R.I.P. IN VOTEXIA IN THE RUBBLE
A FORGOTTEN MALAISE, RAVISHED BY HELLISH FLAMES, SMOULDERS OMINOUSLY ..SPAWN, TALK

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...LONG AFTER THE EVIL ORB IS LOST TO THE NIGHT, A HELMET THAT WILL -- AH, BUT THAT'S A TALE BEST TOLD ANOTHER TIME.
I DON'T RIGHTLY SAVVY HOW YOU MANAGED THAT BLAZIN' SKULL BUSINESS... AND I AIN'T REALLY HANKERIN' TO KNOW...
...BUT PUT 'ER - NEAH, PAL! THET WUZ ONE HELL OF A FIGHT!
UH...THANKS, BRAHMA! YOU AREN'T BAD YOURSELF!
YOU HEADIN' BACK TO TOWN?
NO...GUESS I'LL RIDE ON FAST FOR A WHILE! YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN ME IF YOU LIKE...
...FRIEND.
WELL, PARDNUH, I RECKON I'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THET--
--'CUZ I GOT A LITTLE FILLY WAITIN' FER ME BACK YONDER.
'SPECIALLY SINCE YOU'RE CUTTIN' OUT!
I SEE...
AND SO, SOON...
ADIOS, AMIGO!
VROOM!
VRRRROAR!
SO LONG, PAL!
AND SO JOHNNY BLAZE RIDES, LONELY AND BROODING THROUGH THE MIDNIGHT BLACKNESS--
--WHILE BACK IN TOWN...
HEY, BABY OL' BRAHMA'S BACK, JUST LIKE I SAID!
OH! I--I WAS AFRAID... YOU WOULDN'T EVER COME BACK!
NOBODY ELSE SEEMS TO KNOW ME! EVEN I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO I AM OR ANYTHING! I... DON'T WANT TO BE... ALONE!
ME LEAVE? WHY, BABY, I TOLD YA, YOU AND ME ARE OLD SWEETHEARTS!
I NEED SOMEONE NOW... I NEED YOU, BILL... BUT WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER?
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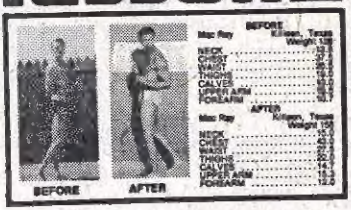

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